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killed three U.S. soldiers and wounded six, the military said. Since the war began last March, 514 Americans have died. Who on the floor beside me even cares? Nobody, but they care about the National Guard because some part-time soldiers want us to do what they are telling us to do without questioning it. They are not going to get that from me. But in being collegial with my legislative colleagues, I will give some slack as far as allowing this bill to move this morning at some point. How much time do I have, Mr. President?

SENATOR CUDABACK: About one thirty-eight, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. People in the guard are grown men and women. They don't have to be handled with kid gloves. We don't have to proceed apologetically in the way I've been doing up to now. But I'm not going to do that anymore. The kid gloves come off. I'm going to deal with these grown people as grown people, and if they don't like it, they can lump it. I don't fear the police. I don't fear judges. I don't fear prosecutors, fear the...and you know I don't fear the National Guard, John Ashcroft, George Bush, the FBI. In my file that I got by way of the Freedom of Information Act, J. Edgar Hoover instructed his FBI agents...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to not have any confrontations with me because he said I would embarrass the FBI. This is the man who was going after John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, and had everybody else shaking and he was shaking because of me. If you want to get my file, you can get it through the Freedom of Information Act. So why should I exemplify fear on this floor of the National Guard. I don't like the role that I've been playing of the accommodator, the nice guy, but I've tried to do it. But no more. If you can...if you want to adopt this amendment of mine, you can. At this point, I don't care whether you do or not, but you don't want to provoke me too far. I will ask for a call of the house, Mr. President, and I'll take a machine vote.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Been a request for a call of the house. All